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SIR,

WHAT follows, was not all drawn up merely for the ſake of ſending it to you on this occaſion: but was intended only as a general abſtract, from a more particular table of meteorological obſervations, which I have for many years uſed myſelf to keep; and which I frequently draw out in this manner for my own uſe.

But as the controverſy with the celebrated Mr. WARD was begun, and has been chiefly carried on in your Paper; and as he has, in a late one, been pleaſed to aſtoniſh one part of the town, and divert the reſt, by a very remarkable paragraph; I thought the following account might be of ſome uſe to the recovery of the former, and the entertainment of the latter; and therefore reſolved to tranſmit it to you, that you might, if you thought fit, put it into your *Journal*.

The paragraph is in theſe words, *Grub-ſtreet Journal, Numb.* 262. *Jan.* 2, 1734.

'But I flatter myſelf, that they (the government) are 'rather inclined to thank me, and deſire a continuance 'of my care for the publick; and the more ſo, when they 'examine the bills of mortality for the year 1734, which 'are decreaſed 3171. Some are good-natured enough 'to ſay, I have not a little contributed to that diminu-'tion, and that perhaps, without the help of my reme-'dies, they might have encreaſed as many thouſands, 'as they are decreaſed; becauſe the learned have often 'declared, this has been a very unhealthful year'.

I hope I do not flatter myſelf in imagining, that I am capable of ſaving the government the unneceſſary trouble, which he would intrude amidſt their more weighty affairs, by examining carefully this affair for them, and ſtateing a truer reaſon of the great diminution in the bill of mortality for laſt year, than that, which, with an affected modeſty, he here hints at: whence perhaps it may alſo appear, that, without the help of his remedies, *fewer* poſſibly might have dyed than what happened; and therefore, that he has ſome reaſon to reproach his learned co-adjutors for impoſing on him, and others, by a publication of a falſe account.

And to prove that it is ſo, I need but remark, that they have only conſidered this diminution in relation to the great bill of the preceding year, viz. 1733, in which bill there was a prodigious and unuſual increaſe upon that of the year 1732, viz. of 5875, being the year when the univerſal cold happened, and occaſioned evidently by that: whereas if they had ſearched back but to one year further, viz. to the year 1732, they would have found that bill to have been near 3000 leſs than this of the year 1734. The total number, in the year 1732, was 23,358; that in this year 26,062.

So that this bill is by no means to be conſidered as a low one, which ſeems plainly to be meant by Mr. WARD; or that his *pill* has reduced it even to the lowneſs we obſerve, but the cauſe above-mentioned. And further, that there was no viſible danger of an increaſed mortality laſt year, as he talks of, unleſs from his own *pills*, or ſuch like bad adminiſtration of as bad medicines.

If, as he propoſes, ſhould be done, the general bill of mortality for the year 1734 be examined; as alſo if the 3 bills of 1732, 1733, and 1734 be examined and compared a little carefully; it may put this affair in a yet ſtronger light, by giving us an opportunity of obſerving the moſt remarkable decreaſes, as they happened on any particular article of diſeaſe: from whence we ſhall be able more certainly to determine, how much or little he has contributed to the diminution ſo vainly boaſted of.

A view of the moſt remarkable diſorders in thoſe years, &c.

In the year	1732	1733	Incre.	1734	Decre.
Aged	1781	2207	426	1459	748*
Aſthma and pthiſick	573	896	323	466	430
Conſumption	3719	4601	882	4139	462
Convulſion	7428	9336	1908	8295	1041*
Fevers of all kinds	2939	3831	892	3116	715*
Small pox	1197	1370	173	2688	—
Meaſles	30	605	575	20	585*
Palſy	30	36	6	37	—
Rheumatiſm	29	18	—	21	—
Teeth	1361	1623	262	1316	307
Scurvy	—	2	—	3	—
Cancer	52	48	—	48	—
Raſh	2	1	—	3	—
Jaundice	117	158	41	126	32
Dropſy	945	1124	179	998	126
Gout	38	54	16	44	10

'Tis very remarkable, that the four articles mark'd *, amounting to 3089, having the moſt conſiderable decreaſe, are ſuch as I have not heard theſe famous *Catholica* ever to be adminiſter'd in. They are *Old Age*, *Infancy*, *Fevers*, and *Meaſles*; ſo that he can reap no praiſe from them: and as to the reſt, I am apprehenſive he will derive as little from, if it be conſidered, that, of almoſt all the articles, more have died in this year than died in the year 1732. And of the article of *Conſumption* particularly 420 more than in that year: as to which, 'tis neither uncharitable nor unreaſonable to ſuppoſe, that ſome of the poor creatures concerned, were hurried out of the world by the violence of his medicines.

I ſhould have expected to have ſeen thoſe articles of diſeaſes particularly leſſened, in which they are ſaid to be peculiarly efficacious, ſuch as *Cancers*, *Rheumatiſms*, *Gouts*, *Jaundice*, and *Dropſy*: many of which, to my diſappointment, riſe higher than, one year with another, they are uſed to do, but none come lower: as alſo of the *Palſy*, ſo much talked off: and *Scurvy*; as to which laſt, on the contrary, we may be actually aſſured, it has increaſed two, in the perſons of HESTER STAPPS and ANN EVING; as alſo one in the article of *Raſh*, by Mrs. MAGBE's daughter. See *Grub-ſtreet Journal*, No. 257. *Nov.* 28, 1734. *Caſes* iv, x, xi.

I have only now to conſider the latter part of this puff, which declares, from *the learned*, the laſt year to have been *very unhealthy*: in order to which, I will give you a ſhort hiſtory of the year, as I took it from obſervations of my own, agreeing with thoſe of ſome others, wrote at the time ſpecified; by which the falſeneſs of this aſſertion will appear as plain as the reſt, and the true conſtitution of the year, in reſpect to the *vegetable* and *animal* creation, in ſome meaſure be laid down.

The firſt general obſervation I find made was,

Feb. 13, 1733-4. The weather has been temperate in general, changing, but not ſuddenly or violently: this cannot be called a bad ſeaſon.

April 2. The ſpring in the fields and trees extreamly forward. The ſeaſon perfectly agreeable; clear, airy, open, warm weather. Laſt autumn was mild. The ſmall-pox then began, and no intenſe alteration having happened ſince it has continued. In general it has been a warm ſpring. Intermittents about; convulſive fits in children lately. The nearer ſun begins to ſhew its effects, in occaſioning plethoras, inflammations, heated lungs, hectical diſorders, and nervous ones. Small-pox about, pretty much liable to inflammation. —— 13. Very few diſeaſes, the ſeaſon temperate and healthy. —— 30. The ſeaſon in general healthy. The wall-fruit and corn blighted by eaſt winds. This wind affects the ſurface of bodies; has done leſs harm to the animal, than vegetable creation lately, this laſt being always more expoſed, and liable to its moſt rigorous influences in the night ſeaſon, when moſt animals are ſafe under covering.

May 15. The variable weather affects many, but not mortally. — 26. Weather very uncertain lately; yet the changes not being intenſe, not much miſchief has happened. In this ſeaſon no ſevere damps to congeal, and the pores open to perſpire. About this time alſo I meet in my notes with an obſervation, which, for the ſake of caution againſt another Quack (tho' without me his day is almoſt over) I can't forbear mentioning: Miſs C—P dyed lately of a fever with lethargick ſymptoms, occaſioned by the adminiſtration of crude ☿ in the fever.

June 10. A variety of weather, and an unuſual coldneſs this ſummer, with frequent rains, cauſes many diſorders, ſuch as ſpaſms or cramps from cold taken, ſore throats, inflammatory fevers, ſmall-pox, and nervous diſorders. Infinite numbers of inſects on the fruit-trees. A great diſpoſition in wines to ferment, while the fruits are crude, immature, want ſun, and dry weather. —— 20. Very little illneſs ſtirring. —— 23. Many fields laid under water by the rains where the graſs has been newly cut down. —— 25. Theſe late rains occaſion the ſprings to overflow in many places.

July 4. Scarcely a day all this ſummer without being clouded. We generally have ſerene, clear, ſtrong heat at this time. The ſeaſon now unkindly. Cool and moiſt weather. Winds northerly or eaſterly, hence more diſorders than uſual, but not very mortal. Sore throats much about. Nervous diſorders and ſmall-pox continue. —— 5. The ſun at the ſolſtice; cold winds N. N. E. damp weather; ☿ and ſp. very high; hence the blood becomes heated and rarified; whilſt free perſpiration is hindered; hence viſcidity, crudity, pituitous tumors, ſmall-pox, &c. By a letter from Aylesbury, a week ſince there was above an 100 ill in that town with ſore throats. —— 20. A ſort of periodical return of rain, obſerved on a ſaturday for many weeks paſt. —— 24. The ſeaſon variable.

Aug. 9. Swelled throats much prevailing, often attended with ſcarlet fevers, begun in the ſpring; the ſeat of them in Tonſills and Uvula; in general they have been more pituitous than inflammatory; frequenty diſpoſed to ſuppurate.

Sept. 2. *Cholera morbus*, from uncertainty of weather, viz. cloudy, ſtormy, rainy: fruits crude and not much eaten. —— 5. Very little illneſs abroad. —— 26. Since the laſt, from various weather, various diſeaſes, but no great mortality: the diſeaſes, colds, with head ach, fever, diarrhœas, rheumatic diſorders. Coughs and convulſions in children, intermittents, hyſteric languors.

Octob. 5. For about 14 days damp weather; a great diſpoſition to give colds: the weather has been various, the changes not intenſe.

Nov. 10. Tho' lately, according to the general conſtitution of the autumn ſeaſon, the weather has been various, and diſeaſes, from accidents hence ariſing, have happened; yet upon the whole, it has been a pretty healthy time; no epidemick illneſſes have violently laid waſte; thoſe diſorders which have happened, have been mild.— 18. Diſeaſes were more frequent and worſe about the Equinox than now: not much illneſs about. It has been froſty for many days, but to no degree. —— 29. Conſiderable changes in the weather lately, particularly after cold condenſed, humid and relaxed air, from whence many affected with colds: from the 21ſt to the 24th, ☿ fell 9 degrees, having been at a great height before.—— 28. Spirits aroſe 10 degrees. On the 26th from morning to night ☿ aroſe 7 degrees. On the 29th ſpirits rarify'd 10 degrees.

Dec. 16. Untoward weather: variable diſeaſes ſuitable hereto, but no great mortality. —— 31ſt. 21 days in this month, it has rained more or leſs; very little froſt in it. The year has been wet in general.

Thus, Sir, I have ſlightly ſketched out the year to you: I could (with more room) have made a much more finiſhed draught; but hope this may be ſufficient for the purpoſe: I only fear even this is too long.

It appears, that the weather has been very variable throughout the year, from whence various diſorders have ariſen; and undoubtedly from them (other accidents conſpiring) many inſtances of mortality have happened: but in general, it muſt be ſaid, there has been no time throughout, intenſe in degree, or long in continuance; no ſevere froſts, or cold lingring thaws; no exceſſive heats or drought; no ſudden and violent changes, but a moderation in all. From which it has alſo happened, that in reſpect to human bodies, the year can by no means be ſaid to have been *very unhealthy*: which is falſly aſſerted, in order boldly to ſurprize the unthinking vulgar out of their ſenſes, and to gain their belief to as romantic, fooliſh, and ſelf-flattering an aſſertion, as any the moſt bare-faced Quack ever uttered from his ſtage. Taking one year with another, the bill is moderate. The only epidemic diſeaſes I know of, have been the ſmall-pox and ſore throats: and tho' the former, by a particular antipathy of air and weather to it laſt year, viz. 1733, when all other diſeaſes ſwept off ſuch multitudes, appeared ſo much lower than it does this; yet even in this year, in compariſon with ſome former ones, it cannot be ſaid to have raged violently.

It is not my deſign to trouble myſelf or you now, with ſaying any thing about the particular nature or compoſition of the *pills*; but ſhall only apply a familiar proverb or two, which ſeem ſuitable to the caſe, viz. That what is ſaid to be good for every thing, muſt either be ſuſpected of being good for nothing; or elſe, That that which is capable of doing a great deal of good in ſome circumſtances, muſt in others be capable of doing a great deal of harm, eſpecially when adminiſtered by a perſon totally ig-

norant in the ſcience, or where the ſole motive is to get the ready peny. Every perſon who has common diſcernment muſt ſee this, that the uſe of the ſame medicines, indiſcriminately in all, even the moſt different caſes, ages, and conſtitutions; the ſame in different conſtitutions of ſolids and fluids; the ſame in thoſe which ariſe from fullneſs as from emptyneſs, from tenſion as from relaxation; the ſame in hot burning fevers, eryſipelatoſe tumours, as in quartans, palſys, dropſies, and the like. I ſay all muſt ſee, or in the end feel this to be abſurd and mitchievous.

Indeed I ought to do this gentleman the juſtice to acknowledge, that as far as he hath thought fit to publiſh himſelf to the world, he cannot be charged, unleſs in the ingenious methods uſed to obtain the *Affidavits*, with appealing to the people of diſcernment. His harangue is properly to the mob of high and low degree, and means no more than — 'Gentlemen, pray throw up your 'handkerchiefs'. Could I allow myſelf to believe he ever deſigned to impoſe it upon the belief of one ſenſible perſon in this city; I could not help thinking it the meaneſt and moſt impudent piece of farce ever puffed upon the public. I can ſcarcely be of the COURANTEER's opinion, and call it a *plot*; or if I could, I ſhould think it deſigned rather againſt the lives, than the liberties of his majeſty's ſubjects. However, I muſt beg leave to remind all QUACKS, that 'tis not the quality of the perſon cheated, that extenuates the guilt of the cheater; and particularly, that 'tis much worſe to cheat people of their health by a counterfeit *Panacæa*, than 'tis, by forging a note of hand, to bilk them of their money. He who could deſcend to do one, many people would ſuſpect not much to ſcruple the other, ſhould a proper occaſion offer to do it with impunity.

I am, Sir, your conſtant reader,

Jan. 25, 1734-5. C. J.

A SONG *by a* YOUNG LADY.

1.
Ye happy nymphs, whoſe harmleſs hearts
No fatal ſorrows prove;
Who never knew men's faithleſs arts,
Or felt the pangs of love:

2.
If dear contentment is a prize,
Believe not what they ſay:
Their ſpecious tales are all diſguiſe,
Invented to betray.

3.
Alaſs! how certain is our grief?
From cares how can we fly?
When our fond ſex are all belief,
And man is all a lye.

DOMESTIC NEWS.

C. *Daily Courant.*
P. *Daily Poſt-Boy.*
DP. *Daily Poſt.*
DJ. *Daily Journal.*
DA. *Daily Advertiſer.*
LP. *London Daily Poſt.*
SJ. *St. James's Evening Poſt.*
LE. *London Evening Poſt.*

THURSDAY, *May* 22. Yeſterday the queen and all the royal family remov'd from Kew to Kenſington, where a grand council was held, when the commiſſion, appointing her majeſty ſole regent, was opened and read, &c. *C.* —— A general council is ſummon'd to meet this day, when the commiſſion, &c. will be opened, &c. *DP. LP.*

On tueſday morning his excellency count Kinski, his Imperial majeſty's miniſter here, embarqued for Vienna. *P.* —— Their excellencies the Counts Joſeph and Philip Kinski, &c. *C.* —— Set out for Hanover. *DJ.*

The general aſſembly of the church of Scotland are about to raiſe a fund, for the maintenance of the widows and orphans of their miniſters. *DA.*

On tueſday a ſervant to Mr. Highmore, a farmer near Edgworth, diſcover'd in one of his maſter's barns, a great number of India handkerchiefs, a large quantity of tea, &c. to the amount of 800 l. and yeſterday the ſame was brought and entered at the Cuſtom-houſe. *P.* —— Yeſterday morning a cart loaded with about 1200 lb. weight of tea and coffee was brought from Hendon in Middleſex to the Exciſe-office. *DP.*

His excellency the Count de Montijo received yeſterday leave to go to Hanover. *P.*

Yeſterday came a letter from Sir Cha. Wager, with advice, that it will be at leaſt 8 days before he ſhould embarque for England. *P.* —— Sir Charles is hourly expected at the Admiralty office. *DP.* —— Yeſterday he waited on her majeſty. *C. DP. DA. LP.* 23.

The ſame day came on before the right hon. the lord Hardwick, in the court of King's-bench at Guildhall, a tryal between Mr. Edw. Nourſe a ſurgeon, plaintiff, and Dr. Scombergh a phyſician, defendant, for aſſaulting and beating the former in Child's coffee-houſe, when the jury found a verdict for the plaintiff. *LP.*

Laſt night the young woman, raviſh'd by Gregory, went to Newgate to take a view of him, but when he was brought to her, ſhe fell into ſuch an agony, that ſhe declar'd ſhe could not tell whether he was the perſon or not. *DP.*

Died on friday, 9th inſt. at Campbletoun in Argyleſhire, in an advanced age, her grace (Elizabeth Talmaſh) dutcheſs dowager of Argyle. *DJ.* —— At Campbelltown. *DA. LP.* —— Yeſterday, at his houſe in the Borough, Iſaac Whitby, Eſqs a great dealer in corn: his eſtate of 1500 l. per ann. devolves to his only ſon George. *P.*

FRIDAY, *May* 23. Yeſterday there was a great appearance of the nobility, &c. to pay their compliments to her majeſty at Kenſington, on his majeſty's ſafe arrival in Holland. *C.* —— Her majeſty will have public levees all ſundays and thurſdays during her reſidence there. *DA.*

The officer of his majeſty's ſloop Fly, who on tueſday brought an account to the lords of the Admiralty, of his ſeeing the Carolina yacht, with his majeſty, going into Helvoetſluys on ſunday in the afternoon, was rewarded with 100 guineas. *LP.*

The place of commiſſary-general of the ſtores and proviſions in Minorca, which his majeſty has lately given to Hen. Ingram, Eſq; is reckon'd at 1000 l. per annum. —— And that of commiſſary at Gibraltar, given to John Hampden, Eſq; at 800 l. *DA.*

A daughter of a certain tradeſman, having taken more liberty than becomes the modeſty of her ſex, was ſhut up in a chamber 4 days ago by her father's order, and yeſterday morning about 7 ſtabbed herſelf with a knife, and died at 9. *P.*

On tueſday a young woman was found murdered, having her throat cut from ear to ear, at her mother's houſe, which was alſo robb'd, near Petworth in Suſſex: the ſame day a man [who pretended to be both dumb and lame. *DA.*] was taken up on ſuſpicion, ſeveral ſpots of blood being found upon his coat, &c. and committed to Horſham goal. *C. DA.*

Married on wedneſday, —— Hargrave, Eſq; of New Bond-ſtreet, to Miſs Reynolds, a young gentlewoman of 8000 l. fortune. *P.* —— Yeſterday the Marqueſs of Lindſey to the lady Nichol, relict of Sir Cha. Gounter Nichol. *DP.* —— A lady of fine accompliſhments, with a fortune of 70,000 l. *C.*

Died, on wedneſday in King-ſtreet, Weſtm. aged 80, Mr. Briſcoe an eminent apothecary, having acquired a fortune of 30,000 l. which devolves to his ſon, an eminent counſellor of New-inn. *P. DP.*

SATURDAY, *May* 24. The Fleet under the command of Sir John Norris, conſiſting of 49 ſail of men of war, are victualled for 6 months, the greateſt part being gone for Spithead, have orders for ſailing. *C.*

Yeſterday the Portuguele envoy communicated to her majeſty at Kenſington ſome diſpatches he had received the day before from the king his maſter: we hear he had a conference of ſeveral hours, at the breaking up of which a Meſſenger was immediately diſpatched to the king at Hanover. *DP.*

Ric. Mitchel of Carliſle, is appointed riding-ſurveyor of the Cuſtoms, for the county of Northumberland and Cumberland: a place of 100 *l.* per ann. *DJ.*

Yeſterday the right hon. John Earl of Crawford, and the lord Primroſe, ſet out together for Holland, on their way to the Imperial army on the Rhine, in which they deſign to ſerve as voluntiers. *LP.*

Yeſterday his grace the duke of Somerſet ſet out for his ſeat at Petworth. *DA.* —— For the ſeat he lately purchaſed at Chively near Newmarket. *LP.*

Yeſterday morning Geo. Hanmer Eſq; ſet out with his lady for Dover, in order to embarque for France. *P.*

Thurſday night Dr. Teſſier, who had been ſome months in Holland to attend her royal highneſs the princeſs of Orange, arrived at his houſe in Pall-mall. *DA.*

The ſame night the lady of Cha. Bertie Eſq; was ſafely delivered of a ſon in Bedford-row. *DA.*

We hear that the clergyman concerned with P. T. and EDMUND CURL, to publiſh Mr. POPE's *Letters*, hath diſcovered the whole tranſaction, and that a narrative of the ſame will ſpeedily be printed. *C.*

Married on thurſday at Sunbury, Mr. Boehm, an eminent Hamburgh merchant, to Miſs Hudſon, Daughter to Sir Roger. *DA.* —— A fortune of 10,000 *l.* down. *LP.* —— Yeſterday Rob. Severn Eſq. of Oxfordſhire at St. Antholin's, to Miſs Anne Jones Benton, an accompliſhed young lady with 10,000 *l.* *P.*

Died, on tueſday at Stepney, in his 53d year Capt. Rob. Jackſon. *P.* —— Yeſterday the lady Newton relict of the late James Newton Eſq. *DJ.* —— At Eaſtſheen in Surry Mrs. Jane Whalley, ſaid to have died worth 30,000 *l.* *C. DJ.*

MONDAY, *May* 26. Yeſterday the rev. Dr. Gilbert preached before her majeſty, &c. *P.*

His majeſty has been pleaſed to appoint Anth. Wheelock, Gent. to be Clerk of the market of St. Jago de la Viga, Kingſton, and Port. Royal in Jamaica, in the room of Bryan Wheelock, Gent. deceas'd. *C.* &c.

The ſhip-rights belonging to his majeſty's yard at Chatham, work two tides extra, to haſten the equipment of the fleet. *C.*

Saturday morning about 4 the right hon. the Earl of Berkley accompanied by lord Chetwynd, the late lord Viſc. Bolingbroke, Commodore Stewart, Capt. Berkley, &c. went to Greenwich, and yeſterday about 3 in the afternoon ſet ſail for France. *P.* —— On ſaturday evening: the late lord Bolingbroke's youngeſt brother Mr. St. John, Will. Chetwynd, Eſq; Capt. Geo. Barclay, and 6 ſea-officers, which laſt go over land to Petersburgh. *LP.* —— The late lord Viſc. Bolingbroke does not go: the Earl is in a very indifferent ſtate of health, and is going to reſide at an antient caſtle near Aix la chapelle. *DP.* — He has hired a houſe between Tours and Angiers for 3 years. *DA.*

We hear that Mr. Ward has hir'd the Mulberry-garden-houſe, over-againſt Buckingham-garden wall, in order to erect an Infirmary, and that it is to be made to contain 50 patients. *DA.* —— *We take this to be a* puff; *and hope, that* Mr. W. *may have in time a* firme. Infirmary, made to contain *more than* 50 patients.

On ſaturday the ſeſſions ended at the Old Bailey, when 6 perſons were capitally convicted, viz. *Cha. Peele* for ſtealing a bill of exchange of 170 l. out of the houſe of the hon. Edw. Carteret, Eſq; *Will. Hughes* for the murder of his mother, Cath. Jones; *Elton Lewis* for the murder of Mary Robinſon; *John Sutton*, for robbing Will. Power of a ſilver watch; *Sam. Gregory*, for robbing of Mr. Lawrence, &c. and *Tho. Lattimer* [*Lattimore. P. DJ.*] for horſe-ſtealing; 2 were burnt in the hand. *C.* &c. —— 18 were caſt for tranſportation. *P.*

His royal highneſs the prince, has made a very conſiderable match at cricket to be play'd on ſaturday June 8th in Moleſey-hurſt; his royal highneſs takes the county of Surry againſt Eſquire Steed and the London club. There are already upwards of 1500 l. depending. *P.*

On ſaturday night a gentlewoman was robb'd by 2 ſtreet-robbers of her gold watch, 3 guineas and ſome ſilver in a hackney coach in S. Paul's church-yard. *C.*

Married, on ſaturday, Capt. Gee, Capt. of a troop of horſe in Col. Legonier's regiment, to Miſs Talbot, ſiſter to Sir Roger. *P. DA.* —— Niece to Sir Tho. Frankland. *P.* —— A lady of 30,000 l. fortune. *DP.*

Died, on friday, in Holborn, Mrs. Irwin, a maiden gentlewoman of 2000 l. per ann. *P.* —— At Totteridge, of convulſion fits, the lady of Baron Swartz. *LP.*

On ſaturday one Jones, a corporal in the 2d regiment of foot-guards, ſhot himſelf with his firelock. *P.*

TUESDAY, *May* 27. Sir John Norris will ſail early this morning from Portſmouth, if the wind proves favourable, with the ſquadron for Lisbon. *LP.* —— The fleet will not ſail 'till further orders. *C.* —— Yeſterday orders were ſent to the Victualling office to ſend three months proviſions for the men of war under Adm. Stewart at Spithead. *P.*

Yeſterday at the election of a warden for Dulwich-college, Mr. Allen, an attorney at Queenhith, was choſen. *DP.* —— An attorney in the Temple. *DA.*

We hear that his excellency the count de Montijo will not go to Hanover, but will ſet out for Spain very ſpeedily. *P.* —— He ſets out on monday ſe'nnight for Hanover. *DA.* 28.

We hear that a certain Prelate will try the hearts of his inferiors, and make application to them, as the fundamental baſis to erect, by Chriſtian bounties, a college for the proſelytes that come from the Romiſh church: but it is hoped, that this great gentleman will not only recommend, but contribute with his bounty for the execution of it. *P.* —— *We wiſh, that our* infidel brethren, *provok'd only by this* Prelate's faith, *would forbear their vile inſinuations that he wants* charity.

The right hon Sir Joſ. Jekyll, Knt. preſident of the Infirmary of Weſtminſter, hath been pleaſed to give ſtrict charge, that no lewd women or drunken perſons be received in, his honour declaring, that thoſe who deſtroy their health by their vices, have no juſt title to a charity only intended for honeſt and induſtrious people. *DA.*

Great interceſſion is making for Tho. Lattimer, condemn'd for horſe-ſtealing; he is a quaker, and his father bears a very good character at Cheſhunt in Hertfordſhire, and is a gardener. *DP.*

Ann Olive and Jenny Lutwich, two Iriſh women, were ſent yeſterday to the Gatehouſe, for frequenting diſorderly houſes: Anne Olive played ſeveral tricks before ſhe could be taken, and at laſt jumped out of a window two pair of ſtairs high, but broke one of her

arms. *P.* —— Mr. Conundrum *thinks this* Iriſh lady *has proved herſelf not ſo* light *as was imagined.*

A child of Mr. Will. Speed's, long complaining of an inſufferable pain in her ſtomach, her mother gave her a knife's point full of helleboraſter, *alias* bearsfoot, vulgarly called ſettergraſs; which ſhe had no ſooner taken, than ſhe was ſeized with a violent convulſion fit, and died about three hours after, under terrible agonies. *DJ.*

Died yeſterday, at his houſe by St. Sepulchre's church, the very rev. and learned Sam. knight, D. D. vicar of that pariſh, in his 63d year. *P. DA.*

WEDNESDAY, *May* 28. His majeſty has been pleaſed to appoint Fitz-Roy, Hen. Lee, Eſq; to be governor and commander in chief of the iſland of Newfoundland. ——— To direct Letters patents to be paſſed in Ireland, for incorporating a ſociety for the maintenance of the widows and children of deceaſed clergymen in the dioceſe of Derry. ——— And to paſs a grant to John Butler, Eſq; to be clerk of the pipe, and engroſſer of the great Roll in the Court of Exchequer. *P. DP. DJ. DA. LP.*

Yeſterday came the good news of his majeſty's arrival at Hanover, on wedneſday at 5 in the afternoon. *P. DP. DJ. DA. LP.*

We hear the fleet under the command of Sir John Norris is to ſail this day for Lisbon. *DP.* —— Was under ſail on monday noon. *DA.* —— On monday morning ſet ſail, conſiſting of 25 ſail of men of war. *C.* — Yeſterday. *P. DJ.*

Yeſterday the right hon. the lord mayor drank to John Morſe, Eſq; citizen and goldſmith, for ſheriff. *C. P. DJ.* —— Mr. John Moſs. *DA.*

An expreſs arrived yeſterday from France, and we are aſſured that part of the fleet of Breſt were to ſail for Cadiz yeſterday to join the Spaniſh fleet. —— Several merchants of this city ſent different letters by yeſterday's mail to their correſpondents abroad, and captains of merchants ſhips, to make the beſt of the markets, and to come home directly. ——— Three noblemen, who were going on monday to travel into foreign countries, have changed their minds, and are reſolved to ſtay in England. *P.*

On monday at the Court of Common-pleas, Weſtm. came on a trial, in which John Philips of Killgetty in Pembrokeſhire, Eſq; was plaintiff, and Hugh Fowler of Robeſton-weſt, Eſq; defendant, in an action of debt of 500 l. upon the late act againſt bribery and corruption: the plaintiff charg'd the defendant with procuring a perſon to forbear to vote for Eraſmus Philips (member for the ſaid town) by making him a promiſe that he would make him poſt-maſter of the ſaid town: after a trial of 6 hours the jury found a verdict for the plaintiff. *LE.*

Her majeſty was pleaſed yeſterday to ſend orders to all the officers that have their regiments in Ireland, Scotland, &c. to repair to their reſpective poſts, forts, gariſons, &c. in a fortnight. *P.*

On monday, the barber belonging to the Theatre-royal in Covent garden, going to ſhave a gentleman near Bloomsbury, who not being up, he went into the ſtable to wait; and ſtroking a horſe, call'd *Sharper*, on the neck, the horſe flew at his head, tore off his hat and wig, and his left ear cloſe to his head, and eat the ear. The barber is very well, but 'tis thought will never be able to appear in a cue wig. —— *This horſe ſeems to be of the ſame breed with that* Engliſh *horſe, that lately bit the* French Marquis's *head, on the Rhine.* LP.—*To make my brother's joke a juſt one, this ſhould be a* French barber.

Yeſterday morning a middle-aged woman was found drowned in the New-river, near Sadler's-wells; ſhe had in her pocket a letter written to her mother, complaining of ſome hard uſage, &c. and 4 s. *C. DJ.* —— A young woman: in the letter was written, *This letter will make a very pretty monument with a devil gilded at the top of it, from your drowned daughter,* Anne Bradley. *LE.* — *This* young *or* middle-aged woman *ſeems to have been an* old free thinker.

From the PEGASUS *in Grub-ſtreet.*

THE *Letter* from C. J. with which we now preſent the public, was printed in February laſt, but in the abſence of ſome of our Society, was ſuppreſſed by the influence of others; who, being thrown into a Panic by the noiſe of Mr. W's *legal pills*, in the ſhaking fit, let drop this demonſtration of the falſeneſs and ridiculouſneſs of one of his puffs.

The XXVI ODE of ANACREON.

On himſelf.

When BACCHUS entering fires my breaſt,
All my cares are lay'd to reſt.
As CROESUS rich, in thought a king;
And poet too, I'd ſweetly ſing.
With ivy crown'd I lye reclin'd;
And trample all things, in my mind.
Let who will arm himſelf for fight;
I'll drink: bring, boy, the goblet bright:
For ſure, the leaſt that can be ſay'd,
I'd better far lye drunk, than dead.

D. D.

Since our laſt, we have received *Verſes to* WILLIAM PULTENEY, *Eſq;* ſigned J. C.

Letters from Barbadoes by the way of Montſerrat, bring an account of the death of the lord How, governor of that iſland; that a malignant fever rages there, which takes off great numbers of people; and that 30 maſters of ſhips have dy'd there in the ſpace of a few days. *DP.* 27. ——— And that the lady How died 3 days after his lordſhip. *DA.* 28.

FOREIGN NEWS.

THURSDAY, *May* 22. The Imperialiſts in Italy pretend to make a ſtand in the Seraglio or at Mantua, ſufficient to keep the Allies at a bay a long while. *P.* —— The groſs of their troops is at Montegiana, between the Po and the Zero, having a bridge of communication with the Seraglio. *DP. DJ.*

Prince Eugene, having finiſhed the review of the Imperial forces on the Rhine, ordered them into the lines again, which are but two leagues from Philipsburg. *P. DP. DJ. DA.*

Old prince Ragotski, who headed the malecontents during the laſt war in Hungary, died lately at Conſtantinople. *DJ.*

FRIDAY, *May* 23. ——— *Hague, May* 27. N. S. The famous Naphthali Ganzo, who acted the part of ambaſſador from the Grand Seignior at Warſaw, at the firſt breaking out of the troubles in Poland, has been ſeized at Belgrade as a ſpy in the ſervice of a certain power, with all his papers, and the magnificent preſents of Saxon porcelain he was entruſted with for the Grand Seignior. He is a Jew of Amſterdam. *P.*

The Court of France has ſent orders to all the ports to equip the fleet in haſte, and to lay an embargo on all ſhips that can carry 20 guns. *P.*

SATURDAY, *May* 24. As his moſt ſerene highneſs the Prince of Orange was coming to Helvoetſluys, to wait the arrival of his majeſty, his chaiſe overturn'd, by which accident a ſervant behind broke both his arms, diſlocated his neck, and died on the ſpot. *DP.* —— Some of his domeſticks were overturn'd. *DA.*

We hear for certain, that his Britannick majeſty will have an interview with the king of Pruſſia. *P.*

MONDAY, *May* 26. —— They write from Florence that the 14th N. S the Marq. de la Minas, having reduc'd Fort St. Philip to a heap of Rubbiſh, took it, and and Fort St. Catherine at Diſcretion. *DP. DA.*

Hague, May 31. His Britannick majeſty arriv'd at Helvoetſluys on ſunday at 6 in the afternoon, and ſet out immediately for Utrecht, where he arriv'd at 2 the next morning, and having reſted till 7, ſet out in order to lie that night at Bentheim. *DP. DJ. DA. LP.*

Advices from Poland mention, that the Primate is upon the point of making his ſubmiſſion. *DA.*

TUESDAY, *May* 27. They write from Holland, that her royal highneſs the princeſs royal is certainly with child. ——— His majeſty purſu'd his journey to Hanover with ſuch expedition, that ſeveral coach-horſes were kill'd, as were alſo ſome of thoſe belonging to the guards that eſcorted him. *DA.*

Letters from Madrid aſſure us, that the courts of Spain and Portugal are ſo animated againſt one another, that nothing leſs than an open rupture is expected; and that every thing is preparing for opening the campaign on both ſides with the greateſt animoſity. *DP.*

WEDNESDAY, *May* 28. The right hon. Horatio Walpole, Eſq; his majeſty's ambaſſador to the States-general, had a few days ago an audience of their High Mightineſſes, and preſented a Memorial, couch'd in very pathetick terms, conjuring them to put the Republick into ſuch a condition as might give more weight to their mediation, and enable them to act in concert with the King his maſter. This memorial, which is thought an extraordinary ſtep, was received *ad referendum*, and has been ſince communicated to the States of Holland, as 'tis believed it will be to the other provinces, with proper letters from their High Mightineſſes, deſiring particular inſtructions may be ſent to their deputies on ſo important an occaſion. *DA.*

Hanover, May, 20. 'Tis ſaid the king of Sweden will take a tour to his electorate, to have a Conference with his Britannick majeſty; and there is a report, of a formidable alliance being on foot, to oblige the Powers at war, not to reject entirely the plan of pacification, projected by England and Holland. *DJ.*

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Tho' I ſpeak, my grief is not aſſwaged; and tho' I forbear, what am I eaſed? Job. xvi. 4, 5, 6.
For it was not an enemy that reproached me, then I could have born it; neither was it he that hated me, that did magnify himſelf againſt me, then I would have hid myſelf from him.
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